

Darrell F. Aranda for Altadena Town Council Census Tract 4610

My name is Darrell F. Aranda, and I am enthusiastic about your consideration for being your representative on Altadena Town Council, Census Tract 4610.

Born and raised in the area, I graduated from John Muir High School and have been fortunate to continue to reside in Altadena, with my rescued dog Bosco, and work in our community. I have seen our neighborhood and city go through many changes over the years, and I would love to take a more active role and be part of the Town Council in leading our community to continue to grow and improve for all of our residents.

I have studied theater early in life and discovered a passion for leading and organizing. My work over the past 24 years as a stagehand has allowed me to have many opportunities to work, learn, meet and interact with people from all over the world. While working as a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 33 Stagehands of Los Angeles, my positions have included being the Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, an Organizer, and an Annuity Trustee.

I have served as an Annuity Trustee for IATSE Local 33 for more than 15 years and have completed the Master Trustee Certification with the International Federation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP). This has allowed me to become familiar with rules and regulations concerning audits and communication, and it has been one of the most interesting jobs I had. In this capacity, I was entrusted by my union's members and had to learn and work with professionals to understand the fees, procedures, communications, and our fiduciary responsibilities, and find ways to translate that knowledge in concrete ways so participants knew how we were advocating for their benefit.

Being involved in the community has been very important to me; thus, I have over 20 years of volunteering with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. Recently, I have volunteered setting up food distribution with the LA County food bank during the pandemic, hoping to provide some relief for so many community members struggling to make ends meet during these challenging and stressful times.

Working always in large groups, with people from diverse backgrounds and experience towards a common goal, allows me to have experience listening, problem-solving, and learning to communicate effectively. I can bring these experiences to the challenges faced by our neighborhood and particularly for our tract 4610.

I would appreciate your consideration for choosing me as your representative on the Altadena Council Tract 4610. I believe the experiences I gained over the years, living, studying, volunteering, and working in the community and being part of the Union, will serve me well for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darrell F. Aranda